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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA CODIB Member

SUBJECT : Terms of Reference for CODIB Photo Chip
Task Team (VIII)

1. In the opinion of the Directorate for Science and Technology, the revised terms of reference for CODIB Task Team VIII, dated 11 January 1965, are improved in format. However, we feel that the objectives of a group examining the photo chip problem can be fulfilled in all essentials within the T-KH end product control system and without entree or exposure to operational information, projects and programs.

2. Specifically, we are concerned with the note in paragraph II A which states that the team will operate at all necessary classification levels and will examine relevant aspects of the strategic and tactical intelligence cycles, i.e., collection. . . ; on paragraph IV A which authorizes identification and description of photographic information collection systems at the National, Departmental and Operational levels; on the references to collection policy review in paragraph IV D, to the technology of collection in F 1 and the reference to collection in paragraph F 2.

3. However, we realize that the history of these Terms of Reference is well advanced. We do not necessarily insist on their further modification and revision if it is understood that this Directorate will not be called upon to expose to the Task Team any data or information which has not been released in the T-KH system or which is not subject to discussion within that control system.

4. On the other hand, we are prepared to be responsive to the Task Teams needs for information on future resolutions, format and scales so long as it does not involve disclosure of the sensitive collection systems and techniques employed. We also are prepared to support the team in its analysis of the usefulness of various photo chip programs and other advanced weapons systems under the purview of the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

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